



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2015 and 2016

HB2483

Introduced 2/18/2015, by Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/8A-18

Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. In a provision making it a Class C misdemeanor for any person including an individual, firm, corporation, association, partnership, or joint venture, or any employee or agent of any of those, to assist or represent another person in completing or submitting an application for certain benefits under the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the State's Aid to the Aged, Blind, or Disabled (AABD) program, or the State's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, in exchange for a portion of the applicant's SNAP, AABD, or TANF benefits or cash or any other form of payment from any other source, provides that nothing in this provision shall be construed as prohibiting an applicant from "using the services of a non-profit organization, a licensed attorney, or any other authorized organization or agency that receives State or federal funding to assist persons in the preparation of an application for SNAP, AABD, or TANF benefits or in" appealing a denial of an application for SNAP, AABD, or TANF benefits (rather than nothing in this provision shall be construed as prohibiting an applicant from receiving such assistance or representation when appealing a denial of an application for SNAP, AABD, or TANF benefits).

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1 AN ACT concerning public aid.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by
5 changing Section 8A-18 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/8A-18)

7 Sec. 8A-18. Application assistance fraud; SNAP; AABD;
8 TANF. It is a Class C misdemeanor for any person, including an
9 individual, firm, corporation, association, partnership, or
10 joint venture, or any employee or agent of any of those, to
11 assist or represent another person in completing or submitting
12 an application for benefits under the federal Supplemental
13 Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the State's Aid to the
14 Aged, Blind, or Disabled (AABD) program, or the State's
15 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, in
16 exchange for a portion of the applicant's SNAP, AABD, or TANF
17 benefits or cash or any other form of payment from any other
18 source. An applicant who receives such assistance ~~or~~
19 ~~representation~~ is not in violation of this Section. Nothing in
20 this Section shall be construed as prohibiting an applicant
21 from using the services of a non-profit organization, a
22 licensed attorney, or any other authorized organization or
23 agency that receives State or federal funding to assist persons

1 in the preparation of an application for SNAP, AABD, or TANF
2 benefits or in ~~receiving such assistance or representation when~~
3 appealing a denial of an application for SNAP, AABD, or TANF
4 benefits.

5 (Source: P.A. 98-931, eff. 8-15-14.)